

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, the title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. The specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information and to correct minor typographical errors. Further, Claims 4-16, 21-24 and 26-29 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the specification and claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

Date: March 30, 2006

By: Matthew L. Schneider  
Matthew L. Schneider  
Registration No. 32,814

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620